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Applicant: Zouren NIE et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 4, 2004, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, Claims 1-5, for examination, with traverse.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter. Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

If fees are due in connection with the filing of this response and no proper payment is enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required and has not been accounted for, such extension is hereby requested and the fee should be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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